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Bedell Smith Ill In Hospital

Walter Bedell Smith, former four-star general who helped blueprint allied victory in World War II, was reported critically ill last night at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

A hospital spokesman said the 64-year-old former diplomat and military leader is "critically ill from pneumonia and lung abscess." He was admitted to the hospital Oct. 13.

President Eisenhower, then a general, was Smith's wartime boss at Allied Headquarters for Europe. Smith later served as U.S. Ambassador to Russia and Under Secretary of State before retiring and entering private business.